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E. I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS AND COMPANY

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO: PCT/98/15229

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CASE NO.: AD-6516

TITLE: FLAME RETARDANT POLYOLEFIN COMPOSITIONS

RESPONSE TO WRITTEN OPINION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Attention: International Preliminary Examining Authority
(IPEA/US)

Sir:

This response is filed in reply to the first Written Opinion mailed APRIL 28, 1999 in the above-referenced international application.

A two month period was set for response.

REMARKS

The Examiner states that claims 1-6 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Hwang et al. (U.S. 5,424,362, hereinafter "Hwang") in combination with the status of the art. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Hwang discloses compositions comprising at least one polypropylene or graft-modified polypropylene. In contrast, the claimed invention does not contain polypropylene. Hwang does not suggest or disclose the use of compositions without polypropylene.

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